

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification from page 13, line 21 to page 14, line 16 beginning with “[Brief Description of Drawings]” and replace with the following amended paragraphs:

~~{Brief Description of Drawings}~~Brief Description of the Drawings

~~{Fig. 1}~~ An Fig. 1 shows an information processing apparatus which comprises a touch-pad and is able to be used in the present invention;

~~{Fig. 2}~~ An Figs. 2a and 2b show an embodiment of an input element of the present invention;

~~{Fig. 3}~~ A Figs. 3a and 3b show a method of the present invention for making inputs to an information processing apparatus;

~~{Fig. 4}~~ A Fig. 4 shows a construction of a pointing device for an information processing apparatus with a conventional touch-pad; and

Fig. 5 shows a general perspective view of a conventional notebook type personal computer.

~~{Description of Numerals}~~

~~+0-information processing apparatus~~

~~+2-display part~~

~~+4-case~~

~~+6-keyboard~~

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~~18-touch-pad~~

~~20a, 20b-button~~

~~22, 22b-pointer~~

~~24-icon~~

~~26-input element~~

~~28-grip part~~

~~30-pad contact part~~

~~30a-ball shaped part~~

~~30b-contact face~~

~~30c-connection part~~

~~32-clip part~~

~~34-inner space~~

~~36-engaging member~~

~~38-inner face~~

~~40-retainer space~~